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Parish Council News

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ALL THE NEWS FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

Thermal Camera Loan Scheme

The Shenstone Environment Group has acquired a thermal camera to loan out to all residents in the Shenstone Parish Council area so that all residents can assess the thermal efficiency of their homes. The camera identifies heat loss areas and this allows residents to identify where remedial action can then be taken and make financial savings in heating costs as a result. The camera will be available for loan early in the New Year. Successful experience of the same excellent initiative by other communities means that the camera will be housed securely in Shenstone Community Library and loaned out from there. Loans will be for seven days; starting at midday on Saturday with the camera to be returned by 9.30am the following Saturday morning and a booking system will be operated via a diary held by the library desk. The camera will only be loaned out once a borrower has successfully received instruction in its operation and agreed further loan requirements.

an important contribution to protecting and enhancing the three village neighbourhoods we have chosen to live in. To assist, the Parish Council has engaged a leading Neighbourhood Plan consultant, Navigus to assist each community. All three communities are establishing or reviving Steering Groups to contribute to the review process. Additional residents who are interested are more than welcome, please contact the Parish Clerk. The three reviews will follow different timescales and will have community wide consultation on any changes proposed. The community consultation periods will commence in late February 2024 for Shenstone and Little Aston and at a later date in 2024 to be agreed with the community Steering Group for Stonnall.

Shenstone's Secret

London may have Banksy but Shenstone has Postie!
Every month since Nov 2022 the post box on Main Street has been the staging post for all commemorations and celebrations in the village with fantastic topical crocheted images. Residents have started to look forward to each new surprise and we would like to extend our thanks to our secret knitter who brings so much pleasure to the village.
Look forward to the Christmas edition!



Heating from below our feet

Heat between 10°C and 14°C could be extracted from the water in the large aquifer that sits around 70 metres below Shenstone and Stonnall. Shenstone Parish Council and SSI Ltd, a part of South Staffs Water Ltd are progressing via Lichfield District Council a bid for government funding to explore the possibility of homes benefitting from this renewable source of heating. The bid to government will be made by the end of the year. The bid will seek to test this renewable heating potential being introduced on a phased basis over several years. If you would like to be part of the Steering Group involved with this project please contact the Parish Clerk, you are more than welcome.

The Review of the Neighbourhood Plans of Little Aston, Stonnall and Shenstone

The three Shenstone Parish Council Neighbourhood Plans are approaching their eighth year. The changing local and national planning context requires their review and possible revision. This will allow them to continue to play an important role in all three communities. The Neighbourhood Plans make



Carols by Candlelight



Carols by Candlelight is on Sunday December 17th at 6.30pm at St John the Baptist Church, Shenstone. The Parish Council recently granted £70 of funding for the choir who will be attending to purchase music for some new carols.

Rights of Way



Residents are respectfully reminded to be careful when walking through a Right of Way across a field.

As illustrated in the photograph, it can be easy to trample on crops where they grow on either side of the path.

Your cooperation is appreciated.

Stonnall Village Nativity Pageant

After more than twenty-five years, Stonnall Village Nativity Pageant is now firmly established as an annual event, leading up to Christmas and raising funds for St Giles' Hospice and the Donkey Sanctuary. Exactly how it started is now a bit of a mystery but there were probably several reasons.

Of course, St Peter's Church up on the hill held the normal Christmas services but numbers there were limited: Stonnall village now had a choir, Stonnall Singers, keen to sing carols: both of these could have had an influence. Anyway, it seemed a good idea to

spread the real story of Christmas to the whole village.

The last Monday evening before Christmas seemed a good time, and outside the shops a good place. At this time the Newsagents was the only shop open, and the proprietors were very pleased to be involved for costumes and drinks of mulled wine following the production.

The Pageant was a narration of the story of Christmas, including the words of characters such as the Angel Gabriel, Mary and Joseph, the three Kings and various shepherds, interspersed with carols to fit the narrative. In the beginning, one or two solo musicians played the carols and everyone was invited to sing, as well as dress for the characters and speak as appropriate.

Gradually, the whole event evolved: a gazebo became the stable at Bethlehem, a little flock of sheep appeared, a donkey came for Mary and the car park was filled with sign-posts for Nazareth, Bethlehem, sheep folds Inns and anything else that seemed necessary.

Since most of the shops are now still open at 6.00pm, the starting time for getting things ready, a new venue was needed and the space by the Community Centre was tried but found to be a bit out of touch for the whole village. Consequently, outside the Village Hall, which is opposite the Swan Inn, seems now to be our permanent place, with the permission of the occupants of the Hall, who in fact are very supportive, finishing their event a little early and joining in ours. Stonnall Singers have led the carol singing for years and still do, as individuals. Several years ago we discovered a group called Cadenza Brass, one of whose members, Peter Hunter, is a villager and with his help, members of Cadenza have come each year to accompany the singing for us.

The Drama Group, Stonnall Players, now, sadly, no longer with us, has helped with providing costumes and organising lighting and sound outside the Hall. Sheila Pritchard, the former leader of Stonnall Players, took part in the production for years and Jackie and Doug Morrison have been very helpful in every respect and still are. Recently, the donkey, with various companions, has come down the road from Gorse Farm on the other side of Chester Road. At the end of the production, it usually begins to snow, only pretend snow!

Following the Pageant, drinks of mulled wine, just the thing after standing outside in the cold for about an hour, are produced and served by Debra Orgill, her daughter, Lucy, and her mother, Myra, and collections are taken, which are then divided between St Giles and the the Donkey Sanctuary.

From small beginnings, the Nativity Pageant has grown considerably and last year's production proved very successful. It is a village event, although everyone is welcome and it puts the real Christmas

story at the heart of our celebrations. Thanks to all who help or take part in any way, however big or small.

Our date this year is 18th December, 2023. See you there, everybody and we wish you all a Merry Christmas!

New defibrillator for Shenstone Wood End

In August, on reading a BBC news article advising that a number of phone boxes across the country were being made available for adoption, Council put in a request to adopt a phone box on Smarts Avenue, Shenstone Wood End that was being earmarked for removal.

This request was accepted by BT and the intention is to convert the phone box to house a defibrillator for use in the local community.

The adoption has been subject to public consultation (until end Oct), and is expected to be converted, with defibrillator installed and connected, in November.

Volunteer Day



On Saturday 16th Sept a Volunteer Recruitment event was held at Shenstone Community Library.

Groups from all across the Parish attended with many successfully signing up some new recruits but everyone showcasing what they do and making the most of this fantastic networking opportunity. Plans are to repeat the event next year.



JPE Shire Oak Quarry Update



This year has not been the best year in the Aggregates industry.

Demand for sand and gravel has been unpredictable for some time and has showed a downward trend which we believe follows the general state of activity in the UK construction market.

We have also recently seen that the market has suffered even more due to uncertainty regarding HS2 and that those quarries heavily reliant on HS2 contracts have been badly affected.

Thankfully, JPE Shire Oak has a wide range of customers and so we have been able to continue to service these albeit at a lower overall rate of demand.

We also have been taking in large amounts of subsoil and top soil that we clean up and use in our landfill & restoration programme. We are pleased therefore to advise everyone that our restoration plans are still in full swing and we have reclaimed 1 hectare (2.5 acres) of area in the past 12 months.

The total amount of land that has now been returned to its natural state is 4 hectare's (10 acres) which is the approximate size of 7 football pitches!

All this is now grassland that attracts a huge range of wildlife.

On the 9th September we were pleased to have an open day when we received 21 residents from the Stonnall area to have a tour of the quarry, try out some of the large vehicles and look at all works in their entirety.

The weather was scorching hot and everyone reports learning a lot about the aggregates industry as well as having a very enjoyable time.

David Castledine, Head of School at St Peter's School said "It was a privilege to be invited to meet the team and learn about the inner workings of the quarry. It was great to see the efforts that are being made to reduce the impact of the quarry on the local community. We hope that we will be able to make links so that the children at St Peter's CofE Primary Academy are able to visit the quarry and make the most of any learning

opportunities to enhance our curriculum.' Please see to the left, photograph showing a very sunburnt group of Stonnall residents!

1st Stonnall Scouts accepts generous £1000 Donation



The JPE Shire Oak Quarry proudly stepped up to support the local community by making a substantial donation of £1000 to the esteemed 1st Stonnall Scouts. This heartfelt contribution comes as part of JPE Quarry's unwavering commitment to fostering a positive impact on the lives of the residents in the region.

The significant donation was spearheaded by Pete Perryman, the Quarry Operations Manager at JPE Shire Oak Quarry.

"We are thrilled to be part of the 1st Stonnall Scouts' journey and support their invaluable efforts in shaping the future leaders of our community," said Pete Perryman. "At JPE Quarry, we recognize the importance of investing in our youth and nurturing their talents and skills to pave the way for a brighter tomorrow."

The donation was received with immense gratitude by Marie Jenkins, 1st Stonnall Scouts - Group Scout Leader & Phil Whitehouse, member of the Shire Oak Quarry Liaison Group. Mr Whitehouse expressed his appreciation, stating, "JPE Quarry's contribution to 1st Stonnall Scouts exemplifies their commitment to the community's well-being. It is wonderful to witness such collaborative efforts that uplift and empower the youth in our area."

The 1st Stonnall Scouts, an influential organisation in the region, will utilise the generous donation from JPE Quarry to enhance their educational programs, acquire essential equipment, and facilitate various activities that encourage personal growth and community engagement among the young scouts.

Little Aston Table Tennis Club



The LATTTC is a long established club, meeting weekly on Monday nights. We have players of all ages and abilities, and we are looking to welcome new members to our table tennis family, lady players are especially welcome.

We are based in Little Aston Village Hall and play from 7.30pm to 10pm, usually taking a break for Bank Holidays. We are a fun club but also a bit competitive! We are not in any leagues, but we do have in-house competitions that are a great source of internal fun and rivalry.

We have social evenings twice a year, usually at Christmas and in the summer, which includes great food and drinks as well as a tournament for prizes.

If you would be interested in joining, please turn up on a Monday ready to play, first session is free, and you will be most welcome.

If you would like further information, please contact Chris Flemming, 07534248672 or Jan Myatt, 07823775636.

Remembrance' Sunday

The Remembrance Parade & Ceremony in Shenstone is a highlight of the year with the community

coming together to pay their respects to those to whom we owe so much. The organisation of the event - particularly the road closures

and ensuring the safety of attendees - requires a number of volunteers and numbers are falling each year due to age & ill health. The Parish Council would like to ask anyone who feels able to give up less than an hour of their time each Remembrance' Sunday to contact the Clerk to register interest going forward.

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SCAR Make Headway With Road Safety Petition

The Stonnall Campaign About Roads group has been in existence for 18 years with a broad remit to deal with issues concerning villagers' well-being or safety in road-related matters.

Over time the group has liaised with the Shire Oak Quarry (see the separate article in this newsletter for a recent update), as well as campaigns to reduce dangerous speeding down Main Street, Cartersfield Lane and several other areas of concern.

After a surge in new membership over the past year, SCAR found itself in the happy position of having members with such a varied skillset, that it was in a position to launch a tight, co-ordinated campaign to try to finally address the issues of the dangerous junctions at Lazy Hill and Gravelly Lane, where they meet the Chester Road.

As many people will know, these are both accident blackspots that have caused many collisions and fatalities, including the death of a cyclist this year. However, as two separate councils are responsible for the approaching roads (Lazy Hill and Gravelly Lane) and the main Chester Road, the issue has never been resolved.

After several committee meetings and a fantastic cheese and wine fundraiser at Stonnall Village Hall a petition was launched - you may have signed it in one of the shops or pubs around the village

or the Lazy Hill shopping area. These sheets were collected and tallied regularly, topped up by a bit of on-the-spot-canvassing as the deadline for presentation drew near.

Concurrently, a detailed dossier was prepared to sit alongside the petition. The engineers in the group took measurements and calculated car speeds and stopping distances on the Chester Road for all weathers. They photographed different angles for visibility, and attempted to highlight the sheer confusion that many people often feel when faced with four exits and no clear signage.

With such solid evidence emerging, Councillor Phil Whitehouse (Lichfield District Council) was able to open a dialogue was between Staffordshire County Council and Walsall Metropolitan Council, resulting in a tentative acknowledgement from Councillors that something needed to be done. This was real progress!

Thursday 5th October saw County Councillor David Smith attending Staffordshire County Council Cabinet Office to present the petition, a magnificent 1,400 signatures from concerned residents, along with the dossier (which amounted to 14 pages of history of the area, stats, photographs and detailed plans of accidents and near-misses.)

It was a huge community effort which just goes to show what can be achieved with focus, energy and commitment. At the time of going to press SCAR has received acknowledgement of the petition and is hopeful that this will now kick start the two Councils into looking at these junctions again, now they know the weight of the village is behind this campaign.





Keeping Footpaths Clear

Can you identify the whereabouts of the above footpath?

This is an example of where Sutton Coldfield Ramblers together with the Staffs County Ranger, have been hard at work clearing away mountains of brambles, nettles, long tall grasses and more brambles to free up some of the many old footpaths surrounding our village.



To give you a clue the paths cleared this year have been:

Back Lane, Fotherley,
 From Prego, Birmingham Road to the Holly Bush, Little Hay
 From the Toby Inn, Birmingham Road to Forge Cottages, Little Aston.
 From Mill Lane to Thickbroom Farm on Little Hay Lane.

Watch this space in the next newsletter when we hope to bring you details of more tracks for you enjoy exploring in what we hope will be beautiful spring weather.

Thank you from Greysbrooke School

At the start of the year, you generously awarded Greysbrooke Primary School money through the Community Grant to help us set up our Forest School. Whilst we have been very quiet in how we have spent the money up until now, I would like to thank you again. Over the year, we have been spending the money, buying and sorting resources ready to use with the children. We have just completed our first 6 weeks of Forest School and the children have had a fantastic time. Due to your money we have been able to purchase many things including;

Waterproofs which have been very useful-it has rained every Wednesday,
 Fire steels so the children have been able to light their own fires,
 A large fire pit that we have been able to cook over,
 A Kellie kettle to make the all important hot chocolate with,
 Hammers and nails for children to develop tool use,
 Various craft items to help the development of skills,
 Ropes to help build dens,
 Cords and string to learn different knots,
 Tarpaulins which have been used for many things, including making a water slide.

As we move through the school year, we will continue to develop our Forest School using the resources we have been able to purchase, giving children opportunities to develop skills they might not otherwise get the opportunity to do as well as developing teamwork and resilience.

I have attached a photo of some of the activities the children have been up to so you get a flavour of what they have been doing. This is only a very small selection of the experiences they have had.

Without the money we received, we would not have been able to give the children such a fantastic opportunities or experiences.

Thank you.

Nicola Baldwyn
 Forest School Lead



Shenstone Environment Group

Shenstone Environment Group has only been in existence for ten months but has been very active. It is based at Shenstone Community Library and is underpinned by library trustees supporting the international Green Libraries manifesto.



Our recycling centre is well-supported by visitors who sometimes come from quite a distance. Did you know that we collect these items for recycling or reuse: blister packs, printer cartridges, stamps, glasses, and now yarn (which works on the same basis as our seed bank)?



Our monthly repair shop on Saturday mornings, which is held in the community room, is now well – established, and is helping to keep electrical items, garden tools and clothes out of land fill.



During August the gallery exhibition 'Art for a World in Trouble' enabled local painters and artists to promote discussion about the environment and the project raised £930 for the charity Staffordshire Wildlife Trust. And we were pleased to host a demonstration from Emily Charlotte (parishioners will know of her upcycling shop in Shenstone).

If you would like to find out more about the work of Shenstone Environment Group, please phone the library, or email on shenstonecommunitylibrary@gmail.com



Shenstone Church Old Tower is rapidly cementing itself as a major historic attraction in the area.

With regular openings, the 900-year-old tower has had near on 1,000 recorded visitors since public viewings began when repairs were complete in October of last year, giving them a new perspective on Shenstone history and stunning views from the top of the 50ft high tower.

Additional historical information boards are being installed inside, and plans are well advanced for seating and a toposcope showing horizon landmarks, thanks to a grant from Shenstone Parish Council.



Bronwen Ross takes visitors on a journey back in time during one of the graveyard tours.

"We are delighted with the response from the village community and the wider district," said Jeremy Cotton, chairman of the trustees (Friends of Shenstone Tower). "It is both an attraction and

an historic building that acts as educational aid for schools and those who want to delve more into the past."

Local historian and trustee Bronwen Ross has staged several highly successful graveyard tours as she brings the past to life. The tours offer an insight into how the village was shaped because of certain individuals.



New trustee Peter Lawrence.

"These have proved to be extremely popular," said Jeremy, "and, thanks to our growing number of volunteers, we will continue to do as much as we can to make sure the Old Tower is open as frequently as possible, when the weather allows. Dates will be posted on the website and on the Old Tower noticeboard as well as around the village."

During these openings, nearby St Johns Church, is opening its doors to visitors and to provide facilities.

New to the FoST trustees is Peter Lawrence who has lived in the village for more than 20 years and runs an engineering business in Burntwood, and one-time Shenstone Parish councillor and journalist Ian Law, who has also been in Shenstone for over 40 years.

The Old Tower will be illuminated during the winter thanks to ground level floodlighting installed some months ago.

For background information on the Old Tower together with other news about opening times visit <https://theoldchurchtoweratshenstone.org>

Keeping your vehicle safe

Fuelling up or popping back into your house to get something are perfect examples of how easy it is to turn your back for a moment and forget your vehicle is unsecured. So, get into the habit of locking your vehicle even if you're only going to be away from it for a moment.

If your vehicle has wing mirrors that fold in automatically when locked, make sure you lock it properly. Criminal gangs are looking for vehicles like these where the wing mirrors are still out because it is clear to them that the vehicle has been left unlocked.

Close windows and the sun roof to prevent 'fishing'

Leaving windows and the sunroof open invites fishing for items through the gap by hand or with, say, a bent coat hanger, which could also be used to unlock a door for them to get in. Thieves can be ingenious. Don't give them the opportunity.

Secure your number plates with tamper-resistant screws

The easiest way to change the identity of a stolen vehicle or avoid speeding tickets and parking tickets is to fit stolen number plates. Using security screws to attach your vehicle's number plates makes it harder for thieves to get your number.

Fit locking, anti-tamper wheel nuts to secure alloy wheels

Stolen wheels are valuable, either as parts or for their scrap value. Using locking wheel nuts reduces the risk of your vehicle's wheels being stolen.

Secure against the 'Relay Attack'

If your car has Passive Keyless Entry and Start (PKES), it may be susceptible to a theft method called the 'Relay Attack'. An approved signal blocking Faraday pouch to store your keys in can help prevent this.

If you do see anything Suspicious or wish to contact the police to report a crime please call us on 101 or 999 in an emergency. Non-emergency matters can also be reported via our website.

We would like to take the opportunity to wish you and your families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Andrea Tom & Racheal
Lichfield Police

Christmas Tree Service

It is November already, and in a few weeks it will be time to celebrate Advent and Christmas, including our traditional Christmas Tree Service at Trinity which will be held on:

**Sunday 10th December
2022 at 4.30 pm.**

This service has become a very much-loved occasion and appreciated by many people in the village. It provides an opportunity to come together with those groups who use the Wesley Hall throughout the year, and other valued village organisations.

You may be aware that in recent years Trinity has supported the Birmingham City Mission in their Toy-link appeal. The mission delivers presents to the children of disadvantaged Birmingham families in the run up to Christmas. At Trinity we collect brand new toys and sellotape and wrapping paper.

Could you bring a brand new, unwrapped toy and/or some sellotape and wrapping paper to the service when you attend?

If you have any queries please contact one of the following: Jane Low, 480309 Carole Share, 480033 Sandra Newcombe 07947 708081. RSVP



Kind donation brightens the heart of Shenstone

The Shenstone and Lichfield Artisans Golf Society based at "The Plough" in Shenstone annually contribute the sum of £1,000 to local good causes. This year they have decided to donate £500 to the Parish Council for the upkeep of the Cenotaph & remembrance garden in the heart of the Village.

The idea was suggested by Martin Arnold, Treasurer of the 25-year-old golf society, who asked that the War Memorial be given a lift with some new plants that will be pleasing for all in the village & passers by to enjoy. With only three days to go before Remembrance Sunday, six new troughs were purchased & filled with an array of beautiful Autumn plants. The rest of the funding will be put aside towards more restoration work next year.

The Parish Council would like to extend its appreciation to Mr Martin Arnold, Mr Peter Hudson & all members of the Society for their very kind donation as well as to "Dobbies Garden Centre" for their generous discount on the purchases.



Stonnall Christmas

At the time of press, we do not have details of the Christmas celebrations in Stonnall but as per previous years the Council is pleased to support festivities with the purchase of a Christmas Tree & lights.

Look forward to featuring photos of festive fun in the next edition.



Shenstone Playing Field Development Consultation

The Shenstone Playing Fields Charity has requested that their proposal for the redevelopment of the Shenstone Playing Fields is brought to your attention. Consultation feedback from residents is very important. The QR code can be scanned with a mobile phone and will take you directly to the survey to fill in online. Paper copies of the feedback questions are available at the desk in the Library and from the Parish Council office. Many residents have already shared their views with the Playing Fields Committee. Please take the time to submit your views.

The Playing Fields Committee wish to identify that the key points to note about the new park are:-

1. It is twice the size of the current one (proposed location on the grass to the left when you enter from Barnes Road)
2. It is fully enclosed, fenced all around with two self close gates. For safety and to keep dogs/dog mess out.
3. It has a mixture of rubber mulch and grasslok mat safety surfacing. This is wheelchair and pushchair accessible.
- 4.

It has been kept to green/neutral colours/timber rather than garish bright colours. **5.** There is a great range of equipment for both toddlers and children up to around age 12yrs **6.** There are 3 benches within the gated area and 3 picnic benches outside the gated area. **7.** There are 7 items that are “inclusive designs” suitable for children of all abilities. **8.** The cost of the new park including installation is £200k which we hope to raise via funding opportunities, sponsorship and fundraising events. **9.** The plans for the current park are still in progress but the Committee are keeping parts that still have life left in them (it certainly won't be left to rot away) and we will be hoping to add some sensory items and make this a wildlife friendly, community garden space. The Committee will be consulting with local community groups shortly on this.

The Committee will ensure that residents are kept informed of the outcome of the consultation and proposed next steps.





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Full Parish Council Meetings 2023-24

All meetings start at 7.15pm

Tues 14th November at Shenstone Community Library

Tues 12th December at Stonnall Community Centre

2024

Tues 9th January at Little Aston Village Hall

Tues 13th February at Shenstone Community Library

Tues 12th March at Shenstone Community Library

Tues 9th April at Little Aston Village Hall

Tues 14th May at Shenstone Community Library

Tues June 11th at Little Aston Village Hall

Tues July 9th at Little Aston Village Hall

Tues 10th September at Shenstone Community Library

Tues 8th October at Shenstone Community Library

Tues 12th November at Little Aston Village Hall

Tues 10th December at Shenstone Community Library

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Meeting of Finance, Legal, Health & Safety Committee 2023-4

2024

Tuesday Jan 23rd

Tuesday March 19th

Tuesday May 21st

Tuesday July 23rd

Tuesday Sept 24th

Tuesday Nov 19th

Meeting of Neighbourhood Planning & Property Committee 2023

All meetings start at 5.30pm

Tuesday December 19th

Tuesday Feb 20th

Tuesday April 23rd

Tuesday June 18th

Tuesday Oct 22nd

Tuesday Dec 17th

Locations for Parish Council Meetings in 2024

Traditionally the Parish Council meetings have always rotated across the Parish between Shenstone, Stonnall & Little Aston. However, the Stonnall location, Stonnall Community Centre, has reported that it has been successful in securing a paid booking throughout the year meaning they can no longer accommodate Council on Tuesday evenings. Stonnall Village Hall is also suitably busy- which is great news for both! Sadly, St Peters School cannot assist during the evening either. Therefore, for the foreseeable future meetings will only take place in Shenstone at the Community Library & Little Aston at the Village Hall. Residents from anywhere in the Parish are welcome at any meeting.

Celebrating two new community initiatives in Shenstone.

Shenstone Senior's Monthly Brunch Club was launched in July this year and has proved to be very popular with a growing number of diners

On the first Saturday of the month between 10.00 am and 12.00 pm at the Wesley Hall in Trinity church, you may catch the smell of bacon cooking because bacon baps, along with buttermilk pancakes with cherry compote, and breakfast pastries are on offer with tea and coffee, all for a very modest price.



But it's not just the food that's good, the company is just as important to our older villagers who come along to meet with friends.

Here are the Brunch Club dates for the next 6 months: Dec 2nd, Jan 6th, Feb 3rd, March 2nd, April 6th and May 4th.

Another opportunity for our older residents to have a friendly get together is the new Monthly Light Lunch Club which launched in September, and like The Brunch Club, is going from strength to strength. The **Shenstone Seniors Club** came about as a result of Shenstone Cares having difficulty continuing as a charity in the same form as it had existed since 2002. The organisers felt that, as well as adopting many of the current Shenstone Cares activities, Saturday lunches would prove to be popular with Shenstone's seniors - and so it has.



The club offers a set "light lunch" with a dessert and coffee/tea and biscuits, all for a fixed price of £5. The lunches are served on the third Saturday of the month between 12.0 pm and 2.0 pm at the Wesley Hall in Trinity church. There will be a different offering each month so please come along on: Dec 16th, Jan 20th, Feb 17th, March 16th, April 20th and May 18th

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MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT	SARAH EDWARDS	

Community Groups/Organisations

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SHENSTONE

St John the Baptist Church	Vacancy	01543 480 286
Trinity Methodist Church	Rev Joanna Thornton	01543 253744
Shenstone Day Care (Friday Friends)	Rita Hancocks	01543 480 560
Shenstone Cares	Debbie Farrow	01543 480 472
Shenstone St John's Hall	Mary Wilson	01543 480 286
Shenstone Village Hall	Tresa Rock	01543 481 504
Shenstone Wesley Hall	Colin Fishwick	01543 480 618
Richard Cooper Room	Tresa Rock	01543 481 504
Scouts Group	Brian Devonshire	01543 481590
Women's Evening Institute	Gina Whorton	01543 480 884
Shenstone Baby & Toddlers	Amy Bull	0794 7359 786
Shenstone Tennis Club	Rob Ashley	rob.robashley@gmail.com
Shenstone Community Library	Librarian	01543 480 915
Shenstone Brunch Club	Mary Jones	01543 481 022
Lammas Land Management Committee	Richard Partridge	01543 481 102
Friends of Shenstone Tower	Stuart Jones	07541 089990
Shenstone Pathfinders F.C.	Gary Cantelo	01543 480 171
Shenstone Playing Fields	Graham Jarvis	07957 377 916
Shenstone Painting Class	Dave Upton	0121 353 5338
Friends of Shenstone Station 1884	Jane Arnstein	Arnstein.jane@gmail.com
Shenstone Quilters	Joy Shorey	01543 481 297
National Women's Register	Lynne Young	01543 480 420
Rainbow Guide Group	Rosemary Lawrence	01543 483 437
Footherley Club	Dave Doige	0121 605 1252
Guides	Sarah Hardie	07946 777170
Brownies	Angela Hiney-Bancroft	01543 481610
Shenstone Strollers	Peter Gravestock	01543 897529
Shenstone & Stonnall Mens Group	Jim Pole	01543 480545
Shenstone History Group	Bronwen Ross	01543 328963
Shenstone Reading Group	Community Library	01543 480915
Shenstone Magazine	Graham Birt	01543 483138
Tai Chi	Neil Rankine	01543 480151

STONNALL

St Peters Church, Stonnall	Vacancy	01543 480 286
Village News	Cllr Mrs Val Neale	01543 374 430
Stonnall Village Hall	Kelsey May	stonnallvh@gmail.com
Stonnall Community Centre	Jennie Baker	info@stonnall-community-centre.co.uk
Stonnall Gardeners Guild	Pam Ramsell	01543 372 241
Stonnall Coffee Club	Val Neale	01543 374 430
Stonnall Brownies & Guides	Sarah Hardie	07946 777170
Stonnall Scouts/Beavers/Cubs	Marie Jenkins	07977 516 161
Stonnall Playing Fields Management Committee	Gail Nicholls	01543 376629
Stonnall Women's Institute	Jacky Morrison	01543 375 639
Stonnall Stitchers	Dot Horton	01543 374796
The Stonnall Conservation Society	Lynne Ingram	01543 374 629
Stonnall Reading Group	Pam Osbourne	01543 373 370
Film Club	Mick Cox	info@stonnall-community-centre.co.uk
Stonnall Neighbourhood Watch	Maxine Wakefield	01543 375 108
SCAR (Stonnall Campaign about Roads)	Adrian Walters	SCAR@stonnall@gmail.com
Diamond Jubilee Allotments	Debra Tullah	07787 666 932
Stonnall Singers	Bob Share	01543 480 033
Stonnall Juniors Football Club	Jim Bowker	07724 168881
Buddy Bag Foundation	Karen Williams	karen@buddybagfoundation.co.uk
Mint Theatre Society	Liz Daly	07837 868913
Tai Chi	Neil Rankine	01543 480151
Shire Oak Quarry Liaison Group	Phil Whitehouse	07887 372 982

LITTLE ASTON

St Peters Church, Little Aston	Rev Philip Daniel	0121 352 1095
Little Aston Recreation Ground (LARGA)	David Salter	07956 142215
Little Aston Table Tennis Club	Chris Fleming	Chris.fleming@Blueyonder.co.uk
Little Aston Pre School Play Group	Leighsa Wack/Sara Bradbury	07950 047 172
Little Aston Community Association	Steve Bennett	0121 308 4947
Little Aston Village Hall	Elizabeth Paxton	07861 259 982
Little Aston Bowling Club	Rod Crowley	0121 353 3226
Little Aston Tennis Club	Pete Sutton	07504 458648
Tai Chi	Neil Rankine	01543 480151
Little Aston Evening Women's Institute	Maura Trowman	Maura.trowman@yahoo.com
Little Aston Brownies	Emma Paxton	emmapaxton@live.co.uk

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